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The relevance of reference No. 4 of the attached form PTO-1449 (Asaya FUJITA et al., "Huge Magnetovolume Effect and Magnetocaloric Effect of Itinerant Electron Meta-magnetic La (Fe<sub>x</sub>Si<sub>1-x</sub>)<sub>13</sub> Compound", *Materia*, Vol. 41, No. 4, pp. 269-275, 2002) is set forth in the description thereof in paragraph [0002] contained on pages 1 and 2 of the originally filed specification of the present application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed reference be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



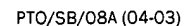
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